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EXPORT TRADE BY COMMODITY

The Bureau of the Census, Department of Commerce, announced today that the decline in United States exports of domestic merchandise from \$1,454.0 million in July¹ to \$1,384.1 million in August, a decrease of about five percent, resulted mainly from lower levels of exports of finished manufactures, crude foodstuffs, crude materials, and semimanufactures. Exports of manufactured foodstuffs increased slightly during the period. The August 1959 domestic merchandise export total was at approximately the same level as the August 1958 total of \$1,382.0 million. M.S.P. (military) shipments are included in these totals.

Excluding M.S.P. (military) shipments, the August domestic merchandise export total was \$1,287.0 million, a level about four percent less than the \$1,339.4 million reported in July, but a little higher than the August 1958 total of \$1,268.8 million.

Exports of finished manufactures fell from \$867.8 million in July to \$828.7 million in August owing chiefly to declines

¹As a result of increased shipments at Great Lakes ports with the opening of the Saint Lawrence Seaway, some abnormal delays developed in the transmittal of Shipper's Export Declarations from which the export statistics are compiled. An attempt to overcome this delay was started in July. As a result the July export figures include about \$15.0 million which would normally have been in earlier months (May or June). This \$15.0 million is concentrated largely in exports of oil seeds, corn and "other grains." It appears that the situation has now been remedied and the August statistics do not contain a more than normal amount of carry-over of shipments from prior months.

in exports of individual commodities included in this economic class as follows: Special Category Type 1 commodities, from \$54.1 to \$41.7 million; steel mill manufactures, from \$12.7 to \$5.7 million; military automobiles, trucks, busses, and parts, from \$12.0 to \$5.3 million; commercial motor trucks and busses, from \$30.8 to \$25.5 million; aircraft, parts and accessories, from \$71.1 to \$66.1 million; tractors, from \$20.0 to \$15.4 million; and nonmilitary passenger cars, from \$13.4 to \$9.1 million. These decreases were partly offset, however, by an appreciable rise in exports of ammunition, components and parts, from \$11.7 to \$20.3 million. The decline in exports of crude foodstuffs from \$137.9 to \$117.2 million resulted from lower levels of exports of wheat, from \$57.2 to \$45.2 million and corn, from \$28.9 to \$19.9 million. Exports of crude materials fell from \$138.6 to \$130.6 million as declines in exports of oil seeds, from \$30.6 to \$15.4 million and unmanufactured cotton, from \$15.9 to \$11.6 million were partly offset by an increase in exports of unmanufactured tobacco, from \$17.2 to \$29.3 million. The decline in exports of semimanufactures from \$213.5 to \$208.3 million was due in part to decreases in exports of iron and steel plates, sheets, and strips, from \$13.6 to \$4.3 million and vegetable oils and fats, from \$13.4 to \$9.4 million.

The slight increase reported in exports of manufactured foodstuffs from \$96.1 to \$99.3 million was due in part to gains in exports of canned fruits, from \$4.1 to \$9.8 million and milled rice, from \$9.2 to \$12.7 million. However, exports of refined vegetable oils, fats and waxes, also included in this economic class, dropped from \$17.4 to \$12.3 million.

EXPLANATION OF STATISTICS

COVERAGE: Export statistics include government as well as non-government shipments to foreign countries. The export statistics, therefore, include Mutual Security Program military aid, Mutual Security Program economic aid and Department of the Army Civilian Supply shipments. Separate figures for Mutual Security Program military aid are shown in the footnotes of this report. Shipments to United States armed forces and diplomatic missions abroad for their own use are excluded from export statistics. United States trade with Puerto Rico, Hawaii, and United States possessions is not included in this report, but the export trade of Puerto Rico and Hawaii with foreign countries is included as a part of the United States export trade. Merchandise shipped in transit through the United States between foreign countries is not included in exports.

VALUATION: The valuation definition used in the export statistics is the value at the seaport, border point, or airport of exportation. It is based on the selling price (or cost if not sold) and includes inland freight, insurance, and other charges to the port of exportation. Transportation and other costs beyond the United States port of exportation are

excluded. However, in some instances the valuation may not be reported in accordance with this definition, particularly where the export value is difficult to determine or must be estimated. None of the values have been adjusted for changes in price level.

EFFECT OF SAMPLING: The value of export shipments individually valued at \$100 to \$499 (about five percent of total export value) is estimated by sampling. The estimated values are distributed among the individual commodity totals shown in the table. The probable variability in the export figures due to sampling is less than two percent of the individual totals shown, or less than \$50,000. The largest variation from rounding of figures is \$50,000. For further information regarding the sampling procedures, see the September 1953, February 1954, and the January and June 1956 issues of Foreign Trade Statistics Notes.

Further information regarding coverage, valuation, etc., is contained in the "General Explanation" in foreword of Report No. FT 410. For complete statement, see foreword in Foreign Commerce and Navigation of the United States.

UNITED STATES EXPORTS OF DOMESTIC MERCHANDISE, BY ECONOMIC CLASSES AND LEADING COMMODITIES:
AUGUST 1959 AND SELECTED PERIODS

(Quantity in units indicated; value in millions of dollars. Figures for 1959 are as originally issued and have not been revised to include published corrections. Figures for 1958 include revisions published with the December 1958 reports, or earlier, but do not include revisions published during 1959. Totals represent sum of unrounded figures, hence may vary slightly from sum of rounded amounts. See "Explanation of Statistics" for information on sampling procedures and effect thereof on data shown.)

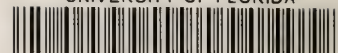
Economic class and commodity	August 1959	July 1959	August 1958	Monthly average	
				1958	1957
Total.....value..	¹ 1,384.1	* ² 1,454.0	³ 1,382.0	⁴ 1,474.5	⁵ 1,722.6
Crude materials.....value..	130.6	138.6	160.4	178.0	259.2
Hides and skins, raw, except furs.....value..	5.3	5.6	3.9	4.6	5.6
Animal and fish oils and greases, inedible.....1,000 lb..	117,964	123,105	82,587	92,402	114,861
value..	9.2	9.4	7.2	8.0	10.0
Oil seeds.....value..	15.4	30.6	18.9	18.0	20.5
Tobacco, unmanufactured.....1,000 lb..	38,865	23,562	39,831	40,195	41,746
value..	29.3	17.2	28.2	29.5	29.9
Cotton, unmanufactured.....1,000 bales..	129	153	220	398	602
value..	11.6	15.9	28.4	55.1	88.3
Coal.....1,000 s. tons..	4,110	3,797	5,642	4,380	6,731
value..	39.2	36.1	55.1	43.8	69.1
Crude petroleum.....1,000 bbl..	237	174	334	361	4,187
value..	0.7	0.5	1.2	1.2	14.4
All other crude materials.....value..	20.0	23.3	17.4	17.8	21.4
Crude foodstuffs.....value..	117.2	137.9	120.0	106.7	111.0
Corn.....1,000 bu..	14,989	22,263	13,306	14,942	14,833
value..	19.9	28.9	17.7	19.6	20.9
Wheat.....1,000 bu..	25,634	33,439	33,345	27,484	34,664
value..	45.2	57.2	57.6	47.5	61.2
Other grains.....value..	31.4	29.1	26.3	20.0	9.0
Vegetables, fresh or dried.....1,000 lb..	118,068	125,775	89,423	118,444	117,439
value..	6.5	7.4	4.2	6.1	5.7
Fruits, fresh or frozen.....1,000 lb..	114,656	156,896	126,056	110,949	133,813
value..	10.3	11.9	9.4	8.9	9.1
Crude foodstuffs exported for relief or charity by individuals and private agencies.....value..	0.6	0.2	0.4	0.3	(**)
All other crude foodstuffs.....value..	3.4	3.3	4.4	4.3	5.1
Manufactured foodstuffs.....value..	99.3	96.1	77.3	91.8	96.9
Meat and meat products.....1,000 lb..	35,113	28,708	19,386	19,702	28,757
value..	10.2	8.4	6.7	6.9	9.2
Lard.....1,000 lb..	39,535	58,365	26,778	32,212	41,781
value..	3.8	5.6	3.8	4.3	6.2
Dairy products.....1,000 lb..	48,763	63,272	38,430	39,530	46,895
value..	8.2	11.4	8.6	8.4	10.0
Fish, canned, prepared, etc.....1,000 lb..	4,556	6,229	2,461	3,437	5,807
value..	1.6	1.4	0.9	1.3	1.4
Milled rice.....1,000,000 lb..	205	141	112	103	133
value..	12.7	9.2	8.0	8.0	10.1
Wheat flour.....1,000 cwt..	1,862	1,253	1,711	2,259	2,207
value..	7.2	5.1	7.5	9.6	9.4
Vegetables, canned and prepared.....value..	2.9	3.5	3.2	3.6	3.8
Fruits, dried and evaporated.....1,000 lb..	4,349	3,443	9,201	16,305	17,198
value..	1.0	0.9	1.8	3.4	3.0
Canned fruits.....1,000 lb..	66,841	26,088	31,591	30,514	26,313
value..	9.8	4.1	5.0	4.7	3.9
Fruit juices, canned and frozen.....1,000 gal..	2,720	2,447	2,163	3,024	3,134
value..	4.0	3.4	3.5	3.9	3.3
Vegetable oils, fats and waxes, refined.....1,000 lb..	80,976	112,732	31,762	66,807	42,901
value..	12.3	17.4	5.1	10.6	7.2
Sugar and related products.....value..	1.9	1.6	1.9	2.0	2.3
Manufactured foodstuffs exported for relief or charity by individuals and private agencies.....value..	9.1	10.5	9.3	12.5	(**)
All other manufactured foodstuffs.....value..	14.4	13.4	12.1	12.4	27.0
Semimanufactures, exclusive of Special Category Type 1 ⁶value..	208.3	213.5	186.6	189.6	270.2
Leather.....value..	2.0	1.8	2.2	2.1	1.8
Synthetic rubber.....1,000 lb..	53,152	58,824	28,835	36,716	38,335
value..	13.7	15.3	8.0	9.8	10.2

See footnotes at end of table.

UNITED STATES EXPORTS OF DOMESTIC MERCHANDISE, BY ECONOMIC CLASSES AND LEADING COMMODITIES:
AUGUST 1959 AND SELECTED PERIODS—Continued

Economic class and commodity	August 1959	July 1959	August 1958	Monthly average	
				1958	1957
Semimanufactures, exclusive of Special Category Type 1 ⁶ —Continued					
Naval Stores, gums and resins.....value..	4.3	4.2	3.1	3.0	3.5
Vegetable oils and fats.....1,000 lb..	85,640	120,066	70,185	28,801	69,707
.....value..	9.4	13.4	8.3	3.5	9.8
Cotton semimanufactures.....1,000 lb..	30,102	26,652	23,779	24,573	27,406
.....value..	4.3	3.9	3.5	3.8	5.0
Wool semimanufactures.....1,000 lb..	11,548	12,865	9,242	9,392	13,327
.....value..	2.0	2.1	1.7	1.7	2.4
Rayon, nylon and other man-made textile semimanufactures.....1,000 lb..	12,121	11,325	9,204	9,105	8,956
.....value..	10.0	7.9	7.4	7.1	6.6
Sawmill products.....1,000 bd.ft..	70,181	66,833	77,962	60,596	68,903
.....value..	8.5	7.9	7.6	6.5	7.4
Wood pulp.....1,000 s.tons..	57	57	36	43	52
.....value..	8.0	8.5	5.3	6.5	8.0
Gas and fuel oil.....1,000 bbl..	2,598	2,690	3,562	3,313	6,496
.....value..	8.3	7.1	10.9	9.8	23.2
Sulfur.....1,000 l.tons..	178	175	149	131	132
.....value..	4.4	4.3	3.7	3.3	3.7
Steel mill products, semifinished.....value..	0.2	0.6	0.5	1.3	6.7
Iron and steel bars, including bar size shapes.....1,000 lb..	10,277	12,730	17,878	20,516	35,772
.....value..	1.1	1.4	1.8	2.0	3.1
Iron and steel plates, sheets and strips.....1,000 lb..	28,453	107,988	104,161	157,053	276,051
.....value..	4.3	13.6	10.6	15.0	25.6
Tin mill products, including tin mill black plate.....1,000 lb..	49,590	94,613	98,460	82,467	133,750
.....value..	3.6	7.3	7.5	6.5	12.2
Other iron and steel semimanufactures.....value..	20.3	18.3	7.0	10.3	34.2
Aluminum semimanufactures.....value..	6.5	4.6	3.9	3.6	3.1
Copper semimanufactures.....value..	10.2	6.9	21.0	16.9	20.2
Coal-tar and other cyclic chemical products.....value..	8.5	7.8	8.2	8.4	7.6
Plastics and resin materials.....1,000 lb..	58,704	56,285	44,485	46,907	41,112
.....value..	21.5	21.4	16.9	17.4	15.6
Industrial chemicals, exclusive of Special Category Type 1 ⁶value..	22.1	19.3	16.2	17.9	18.4
Pigments.....1,000 lb..	55,457	55,536	43,006	52,026	56,000
.....value..	5.3	5.5	4.6	5.0	5.9
Nitrogenous fertilizer materials.....1,000 lb..	70,440	125,286	91,522	106,124	179,727
.....value..	2.1	2.8	2.5	3.0	4.0
All other semimanufactures, excl. Special Category Type 1 ⁶value..	27.9	27.6	24.1	25.2	32.1
Finished manufactures.....value..	828.7	867.8	837.7	908.3	985.3
Truck, bus, and automobile tires (casings), new.....thousands..	91	79	111	102	146
.....value..	3.5	3.2	5.2	4.7	5.3
Other rubber manufactures.....value..	7.8	7.0	7.5	7.8	8.7
Cigarettes.....millions..	2,041	1,938	1,788	1,506	1,416
.....value..	8.8	8.4	7.5	6.4	5.6
Other tobacco manufactures.....value..	1.1	0.4	0.5	0.7	0.5
Cotton cloth.....1,000 sq.yd..	38,042	32,882	43,229	41,746	45,652
.....value..	9.5	9.3	9.5	11.3	12.3
Other cotton manufactures.....value..	7.6	7.4	7.6	8.1	8.7
Wool manufactures.....value..	0.6	0.5	0.7	0.7	0.7
Rayon, nylon and other man-made textile manufactures.....value..	12.6	11.2	11.7	12.4	14.5
Other textile manufactures.....value..	5.5	5.1	4.8	4.8	5.1
Wood manufactures, advanced.....value..	3.0	2.4	2.2	2.6	2.7
Paper and manufactures.....value..	20.0	18.3	18.5	18.3	18.4
Motor fuel and gasoline, including jet fuels (all types).....value..	5.6	10.3	12.4	10.9	16.1
Lubricating oil.....value..	15.1	15.6	19.1	15.5	16.2
Glass and products.....value..	7.1	6.2	7.6	6.6	6.7
Steel mill manufactures.....value..	5.7	12.7	15.0	19.9	32.0
Metal manufactures, n.e.c.....value..	35.6	38.2	38.1	40.0	43.1
Electric household refrigerators and freezers.....number..	29,667	32,633	29,884	32,383	31,716
.....value..	4.4	4.9	4.4	4.9	5.0
Radio and television apparatus.....value..	20.6	20.3	21.0	23.3	20.9
Other electrical machinery and apparatus.....value..	52.8	52.8	50.8	55.7	59.9
Power generating machinery, n.e.c.....value..	19.4	16.7	17.7	18.9	19.7
Construction, excavating, mining and related machinery.....value..	59.1	59.0	54.5	57.9	74.5
Machine tools (including metal-forming machine tools) and parts, exclusive of Special Category Type 1 ⁶value..	12.1	8.9	13.1	14.4	26.2
Metalworking machines and parts, except machine tools and parts.....value..	12.8	12.8	14.6	13.8	
Textile, sewing and shoe machinery.....value..	7.2	8.8	6.6	7.9	10.4
Other industrial machinery and parts.....value..	66.5	73.0	71.6	75.6	77.8

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Economic class and commodity	August 1959	July 1959	August 1958	Monthly average	
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Finished manufactures—Continued					
Office, accounting, and computing machines and parts.....value..	10.5	11.1	9.7	11.1	¹⁰ 10.6
Agricultural machines, implements and parts.....value..	11.7	15.1	8.7	10.3	11.1
Tractors.....number..	2,731	4,901	2,719	4,183	4,392
value..	15.4	20.0	13.1	15.8	20.7
Tractor parts and accessories.....value..	12.1	12.3	10.0	10.1	11.0
Motor trucks and busses, commercial (new).....number..	11,351	14,274	9,928	12,200	16,040
value..	25.5	30.8	19.9	24.5	36.2
Passenger cars, nonmilitary (new).....number..	4,588	6,858	3,909	10,146	11,923
value..	9.1	13.4	8.1	21.5	25.1
Automobile parts for assembly and replacement.....value..	38.3	39.1	31.4	39.3	42.0
Military automobiles, trucks, busses, trailers, parts, accessories and service equipment; commercial maintenance and repair trucks (new).....value..	5.3	12.0	19.9	18.1	14.3
Aircraft, parts and accessories.....value..	66.1	71.1	76.7	81.0	85.7
Merchant ships, nonmilitary, n.e.c.....number..	17	8	3	11	28
value..	3.1	1.8	0.5	5.7	8.1
Railway transportation equipment.....value..	5.9	6.9	18.7	17.4	12.1
Antibiotics.....value..	5.9	7.2	4.0	5.5	6.9
Other medicinal and pharmaceutical preparations.....value..	15.1	19.0	17.6	17.7	16.8
Soap and toilet preparations.....value..	1.8	1.8	1.9	1.8	2.0
Small arms, machine guns, parts and accessories, n.e.c.....value..	2.8	3.1	3.3	6.4	3.1
Ammunition, components and parts.....value..	20.3	11.7	19.5	15.6	17.5
Special Category Type 1 ⁶value..	41.7	54.1	33.5	42.2	37.9
All other finished manufactures, exclusive of Special Category Type 1 ⁶value..	134.5	124.4	119.1	121.1	133.2

*See footnote one on front page of this report.

**Data for periods prior to January 1958 not available. ¹Includes \$97.1 million of Military Mutual Security Program shipments (\$54.0 million to Western Europe). ²Includes \$114.6 million of Military Mutual Security Program shipments (\$56.7 million to Western Europe). ³Includes \$113.2 million of Military Mutual Security Program shipments (\$45.1 million to Western Europe). ⁴Includes \$128.6 million of Military Mutual Security Program shipments (\$58.6 million to Western Europe). ⁵Includes \$113.0 million of Military Mutual Security Program shipments (\$59.4 million to Western Europe). ⁶See the April 1958 issue of Foreign Trade Statistics Notes for explanation of Special Categories and list of commodities included. ⁷For security reasons, data on exports of all forms of uranium, thorium and special nuclear material (Schedule B commodity numbers 62510-62590) are excluded from export statistics. ⁸Data for periods prior to January 1958 also include new and used motorcycle tires and used truck, bus, and automobile tires. ⁹Includes data for Schedule B commodity numbers 30399 and 30855, converted to square yards on the basis of four square yards per pound; and B number 30610, converted to square yards on the basis of three square yards per pound. ¹⁰Data for periods prior to January 1958 do not include exports of electronic computers and parts.

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